of assessment for the virippu crops destroyed in the floods and to give some amount to the agriculturists as free gift.

(i) The work was checked by the Assistant Engineer on 30th Makaram 1106 and the abnormal floods of 1106 damaged some of the concrete posts on 29th Karkadagam 1106.

(j) Twenty-six weeks.

Assessment on double crops raised on single crop lands.

599. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) the total amount of assessment on double crops assigned as single crop lands reported to the different Tahsildars by the village officers to be collected this year;

(b) is there any increase in any of the taluks this year;

(c) if so, how much more than last year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—

		Rs.		
(a)	Cochin-Kanayannur	2,192	15	1
	Mukundapuram	3,674	12	11
	Trichur	2,219	14	1
	Talappalli	1,665	2	4
	Chittur	1,094	12	5
	Cranganur	72	3	10
	Total	10,919	12	8

(b) and (c) Yes. A statement showing the amount of increase in each of the taluks is shown below:—

	Rs.		
Cochin-Kanayannur	1,537	11	7
Mukundapuram	1,900	8	1
Trichur	930	6	4
Talappalli	326	8	5
Chittur	174	9	10
Cranganur	30	7	8
Total	4,900	3	11

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason for this abnormal increase of double crop collection this year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Last year some remission was granted on account of floods. That is the reason for the increase in collection this year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the amount collected year before last?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I think it is Rs. 8 thousand.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In answer to a previous question it was stated that the average is 5 to 6 thousand rupees and here so far the assessment is Rs. 10 thousand. The difference is not only with reference to last year but also with reference to some previous years. Why that difference is the question.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We cannot prevent these people from raising double crops.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Am I to take it that this increase is due to the fact that there is a larger area cultivated this year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is one of the reasons.

Provision for Panangai lane and road at Cheruvallikadavu.

600. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention with reference to the list of works considered by the Road Board for being provided for in the 1108 budget:—

(a) whether (i) improving the Panangai lane and (ii) opening a road at Cheruvallikadavu in Anjur village had been included in the list;

(b) whether these items of work have been carried out; and if not, will it be carried out before the end of the current year; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken by the P. W. D. to include these items of work in the budget for the next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) These works were included in the list considered by the Road Board but could not be provided in the budget for want of funds.

(b) Please see answer to (a). It will not be possible to find funds for carrying out the works in the current year.

(c) Necessary levels for the improvement to the Panangai lane have been completed. The estimate for the road at Cheruvallikadavu has also been prepared.

Agricultural Demonstration farms opened last year.

601. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The places where demonstration farms were opened last year by the Agricultural Department with the names of those in whose lands it was done;

(b) how far the demonstrations proved successful;

(c) is there any increase in the number of farms this year;

(d) if so, how much?

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